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## STATE OF MISSOURI Matt Blunt, Governor • Doyle Childers, Director DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## **NOTICE**

Pursuant to Executive Order 06-32, the Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources has suspended specific statutes and administrative rules or regulations currently in place in order to best serve the interest of the public health and safety during the period of the emergency and subsequent recovery period resulting from the severe storms beginning Sept. 22, 2006.

September 27, 2006

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is waiving the following requirements due to the anticipated nature and quantity of wastes generated by the recent storm related cleanup activities.

**Section 260.250.1, RSMo,** normally prohibits the disposal of certain items in landfills. This waiver allows any storm debris including demolition debris and yard waste generated as a result of the storm to be disposed in permitted sanitary or demolition landfills. This waiver also allows the disposal of metal goods such as cars and household appliances in a sanitary landfill when it is not practical to segregate them for metals recovery or recycling. Reasonable efforts should be made to segregate materials for recycling when practical. Cities and counties should coordinate collection of damaged appliances so refrigerants can be legally recovered from air conditioners, freezers and refrigerators before recycling.

**10 CSR 10-3.030, Open Burning Restrictions (Outstate Missouri Area),** normally places restrictions on open burning of vegetation and demolition waste. During the storm cleanup, no permits shall be required for the open burning of vegetation waste provided the burning takes place at least 200 yards from the nearest occupied structure. Additionally, the open burning of untreated wood waste shall be allowed provided the burning takes places at least 200 yards from the nearest occupied structure. Such burning should occur with the approval of local fire officials.

**Section 644.051, RSMo,** prohibits the discharge of water contaminants into any waters of the state resulting in a reduction of the quality of such waters below water quality standards. The department is waiving the permit requirements for the following types of discharges associated with the clean-up effort: storm water discharges resulting from runoff in clean-up areas; storm-related spilled wastes and various liquid pollutants from ruptured pipes such as sewer, petroleum, or chlorinated drinking water; and other discharges from evacuated water from basements, trenches and other low areas. Commercial entities wishing to carry out clean-up or reconstruction activities must obtain necessary discharge permits unless they are providing services through

contractual agreement with a municipal, county or state government or other political subdivision of the state.

All provisions of this waiver, except those pertaining to 10 CSR 10-5.070, shall be in effect until Oct. 23, 2006 unless extended.

Sincerely,

## MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Original signed by Doyle Childers

Doyle Childers Director